

Martyn/Ellis Appendix

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The information in this appendix has come to hand subsequent to the books “Martyn Family history 1801–2001” and “Ellis” having been printed. It is being mailed to a few selected family members, but will be sent to others if requested.

Martyn

During April 2002, Shirley and George Stevens spent a day and night in Stawell, researching any information relating to John and Dorothy Martyn. At the Stawell Historical Society premises, they obtained a copy of a Stawell survey map showing the location of Short Street (in the middle of the map running parallel with Moonlight Street and between Henderson and Berry Streets). Short Street is known to be the street in which John was the registered owner of a piece of land and the house on it. A copy of this survey map is included here. Efforts were made to locate the precise piece of land without success.

Also included in this appendix is a copy of a Stawell street directory. On this is marked the location of Short Street which is on the top of a hill and has panoramic views around, (C12 on the street map). Also marked on this street map is the location of the Pleasant Creek hospital where Elizabeth Blanche and Richard Thomas were born (G7 on the street map).

Stawell Historical Society is identified on the street map as number 17, located at H8.

The accompanying photograph is that of the old Pleasant Creek hospital. It looks like it has not been used for any purpose for many years.

An interesting point about the enquiries is that the Stawell Historical Society had no knowledge at all of the New Era Quartz mine where John is known to have been the mine manager in 1882. The society's office bearers are now searching their records.

Thus not much more historical information has been discovered, but every little helps, and typically one find ultimately leads to another. As well, if any family members wish to explore further at Stawell, this information will get them away to a good start.

